

Jean Lafitte National Historical Park & Preserve



PROGRAMS BELOW HAPPEN EVERY WEEK ON DAYS SHOWN. see other side for program descriptions, site locations, and days/times of operation. HOLIDAY ALERTS: ALL PARK SITES EXCEPT CHALMETTE BATTLEFIELD/CHALMETTE NATIONAL CEMETERY CLOSED WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, FOR VETERANS DAY. ALL PARK SITES CLOSED THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, FOR THANKSGIVING. No programs when site closed.

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SPECIAL EVENTS,  
PROGRAMS,  
& EXHIBITS

Chitimacha Heritage – throughout November – ACC In honor of American Indian Heritage Month, special exhibits and on-request films share stories of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana. Films are *The Chitimacha*, *Finding Our Talk*, and *Native Waters: A Chitimacha Recollection*. Free.

Bats of Barataria – Friday, November 6 – BP 6:00-8:00pm Get to know the creatures of the night with bat researcher Dr. Craig Hood of Loyola University. Hood will share his decades of research, then take you into the night, where special bat detection equipment will let you track them for yourself! Free but space limited so reservations required; call 504-689-3690 ext. 10 for reservations. Free.

Battlefield Birds: Birding 101 – Wednesday, November 11 (Veterans Day) – CB 9:00-10:30am Discover the battlefield’s birds through a guided 1.5-mile beginner-level birdwatching walk (all levels of expertise welcome). Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them; limited number of binoculars to borrow available on first-come, first-served basis. Meet at battlefield visitor center. Free.

Dulcimer Jam – Saturday, November 14 – ACC 9:30-11:00am Join the Cajun Dulcimer Society and its core group, the Lagniappe Dulcimer Society from Baton Rouge for dulcimer music: Cajun, country, Celtic, folk, and hymns. Bring an acoustic instrument and join in or just enjoy. Free.

First People of the Delta – Saturday, November 14 – BP 10:30am Celebrate American Indian Heritage Month with a guided walk and explore how the first residents of Louisiana’s delta country lived off the bounty of its plants and animals. Meet at the Bayou Coquille Trail parking lot. Free.

My Louisiana Love Documentary Film Showing – Saturday, November 14 – FQ screening 1:00-2:00pm; discussion with filmmaker follows A special showing for American Indian Heritage Month, *My Louisiana Love* explores the effects of recent environmental crises---both natural and human-created---on traditional ways of life by following co-producer, co-writer, and Houma Indian Monique Verdin through her home territory of coastal Louisiana. Verdin will be on hand to talk about the film after the showing. Free.

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**ACC – Acadian Cultural Center**, 501 Fisher Road, **Lafayette**, 337-232-0789 ext. 201. Open Tuesday-Friday 9:00am-4:30pm and Saturday 8:30am-noon. Closed November 11 and 26. Free admission.

**BP – Barataria Preserve**, 6588 Barataria Blvd., **Marrero**, 504-689-3690 ext. 10. Open Wednesday-Sunday 9:30am-4:30pm. Gates to parking lots are open 9:00am-5:00pm for trail access every day including November 11 and 26. Visitor center closed November 11 and 26. Free admission.

**CB – Chalmette Battlefield and Chalmette National Cemetery**, 8606 West St. Bernard Hwy., **Chalmette**, 504-281-0510. Visitor Center open Tuesday-Saturday 9:00am-4:00pm. Entrance gates to battlefield and national cemetery are open Tuesday-Saturday 9:00am-4:00pm. and Sunday-Monday 9:30am-3:30pm; on November 26 entrance gates open 9:30am-3:30pm. Visitor center closed November 26. Free admission.

**FQ – French Quarter Visitor Center**, 419 Decatur Street, **New Orleans**, 504-589-2636 ext. 1. Open Tuesday-Saturday 9:00am-4:30pm. Closed November 11 and 26. Free admission.

**PACC – Prairie Acadian Cultural Center**, 250 West Park Avenue, **Eunice**, 337-457-8499. Open Wednesday-Friday 9:30am-4:30pm and Saturday 9:30am-6:00pm. Closed November 11 and 26. Free admission.

**WACC – Wetlands Acadian Cultural Center**, 314 Saint Mary St., **Thibodaux**, 985-448-1375. Open Monday-Tuesday 9:00am-7:00pm, Wednesday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm and on Saturdays 8:00-11:00am. Closed November 11 and 26. Free admission.

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## Program Descriptions (check holiday alert at left for closures; no programs on holidays)

**Battle of New Orleans talk** 10:45am and 2:45pm - Discover 1815's Battle of New Orleans on the battlefield where it happened. Time is approximate; talk takes place when *Creole Queen* excursion boat arrives. Free. **CB**

**Bayou Lafourche boat tour** 10:00am – Ranger-guided cruise along Bayou Lafourche to Madewood Plantation (Monday and Friday) or E.D. White Plantation Home (Wednesday). Call for required reservations and ticket prices. Through Friday, December 18. **WACC**

**Bayou Vermilion boat tour** 10:30am – Ranger-guided cruise along Bayou Vermilion in a traditional Louisiana boat. Departs from Vermilionville Heritage & Folklife Park, right next to the Acadian Cultural Center. Call Vermilionville at 337-233-4077 for reservations and ticket prices. Through Saturday, November 28.

**Cajun Conversations** – Speak and learn basic conversational Cajun French. Free. **PACC**

**Cajun music jam** 5:30-7:00pm – Sit in with local musicians or just enjoy! Free. **WACC**

**Cajun storytelling class** 10:00am-noon – As leader Dr. Berk Veillon says, “Discover what makes us different, and yet the same”---and learn to tell a good story too! Free. **PACC**.

**Cercle Francophone** 5:30-7:00pm – Come pass a good time speaking French (Cajun or otherwise) and help preserve French in Louisiana. Free. **WACC**

**Explore & Restore crafts for kids** 10:00am-noon – Kids of all ages are invited to create unique crafts from castoffs, leftovers, and throwaways. A parent or guardian must remain with children six and under. Free. **PACC**.

**Farmers Market** 8:00am-noon – Traditional treats, produce, baked goods, preserves, and more. Free. **WACC**

**Folklife demonstrations** 1:00-5:00pm – Discover the Cajun way of music, dancing, quilting, and more. Free. **PACC**

**Historic Thibodaux walking tour** 10:00am - Take a one-mile ranger-guided walk through local history. Free. **WACC**

**Ranger talk** 2:45pm – Rangers share local history and culture. Free. **ACC**

**Rendez-vous des Cajuns** 6:00pm – At Liberty Theater next door to center. Live Cajun and zydeco music. Call the theater at 337-457-7389 for ticket information. **PACC**

**Riverfront history stroll** 9:30am - Walk along the Mississippi River levee for a bird's eye view of the French Quarter and an overview of New Orleans history. 25 free tickets given out at 9:00am; first-come, first-served. Free. **FQ**

**Wetlands walk** 10:00am – Explore wild Louisiana on a ranger-guided walk through swamp and marsh. Free. **BP**

**For more information or upcoming months,  
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